

Joe and Le Jeune Chavez: Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico

Santo Domingo/Santo Domingo and Seminole Jewelry and Beadwork



Joe and Le Jeune Chavez are a husband and wife team working together to mix a unique style of sterling silver with intricate beadwork creating one of a kind pieces. Joe's interest for silverwork began very young as he helped polish his father's pieces. Joe's style developed into a mixture of traditional Pueblo culture with more contemporary original designs. Le Jeune draws inspiration from her multi-tribal background to mix styles and materials in her work. Her innovative designs often mix natural stones, shell, antique beads and Swarovski crystals. Joe

and Le Jeune have melded their complementary styles to create what Le Jeune has come to call "Beads on Silver." Joe and Le Jeune's renowned style has been seen at the Heard Museum, the Eiteljorg, and Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Santa Fe Indian Art Market, and the Red Earth Native American Art Show. This is the Chavez's fourth year at the Tesoro Indian Market, and in 2013 Le Jeune won 2nd place in Contemporary Arts at the Tesoro Indian Market.

